IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: MATHIEU et al. Confirmation No.:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

No fee is believed due with this submission. Should any fees be deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this and any other required fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.